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THURSDAY EVENING

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10 KNOWN DEAD IN NEW ORLEANS; CITY ISOLATED

One Hundred and Fifty Injured
in Storm.

Property Loss Is Estimated at
More Than Million.

GULF COAST LASHED HARD

Great Damage Is Reported at
Biloxi and Gulfport.

Wind 60 to 135 Miles an Hour
Scatters Wreckage.

San Antonio, Sept. 30.—A wire-
less message from New Orleans
to the station at Fort Sam Houston,
at 10:10 o'clock this morning,
says:

"Report conditions are not very
bad."
A message received at 7:30 a.
m. relayed from Galveston, said:
"Last heard water nearly
drained from streets of New Or-
leans. Going down rapidly."

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 30.—Railway and
wire companies went to work today
to establish early communication with
gulf coast cities hit last night by a
West Indian hurricane, which bore the
brunt of the storm, had come early
today only meagre news by wireless.
Ten persons had been killed, 150 in-
jured and property loss put at more
than a million dollars was the storm's
toll here, a delayed radiogram said.
The message added that samples warn-
ing of the storm's approach had pre-
vented damage to shipping.

A furious gale lifted the roofs from
many New Orleans buildings and a
one-story building was blown away.
One of the show places of the city, at
times the wind reached a velocity of
120 miles an hour, and streets were
filled with flying debris. Residents
crowded into hotels and downtown of-
fice buildings for protection.

Little news has come in from other
ports. One report said that Biloxi,
Gulfport and Pascagoula suffered
heavily. Little damage was done in
Mobile. A relief train was to leave
today for the gulf coast.

The wind here last night reached
a velocity of 60 miles an hour. Water
from the Mobile river at 7 o'clock this
morning had backed up two or three
half blocks in the wholesale district.
One fishing smack is reported missing.
Albert Fritz, while going to work
early today, came in contact with a
live wire and was killed.

25 DEAD AT FRENIER, LA.

Eight White Persons and Seventeen
Negroes Said to Have Perished.

Memphis, Sept. 30.—Eight white
persons and seventeen negroes were
drowned and a score more injured at
Frenier, La., in yesterday's storm, ac-
cording to reports to the office of the
general superintendent of the Yazoo &
Mississippi Valley railroad here to-
day.

New Orleans Radio Silent.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The navy
wireless station at Arlington has been
unable to communicate with the wire-
less station at the New Orleans navy
yard since 5 o'clock yesterday. The
Frenier, La., station, however, is re-
ceiving and officials fear the tropical
storm damaged the radio plant there.
New efforts were made to reach the
New Orleans station by radio last
night and early today without success.
The Arlington operators began call-
ing New Orleans today at intervals
of fifteen minutes and efforts also
were made to open radio communi-
cation via the stations at Galveston
and Key West.

Trains Are Marooned.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 30.—Advisers
from Sunset, a general office here
today indicated that the United
passenger train, due here last night
and not arriving, did not leave New
Orleans at all. Train No. 8, with 100
passengers for New Orleans, is still
marooned at Avondale (La.) ferry, but
no fears for its safety are ex-
pressed.

Small Harm at Jackson, Miss.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 30.—Wire
communication throughout this sec-
tion is badly crippled as a result of
the tropical hurricane which last night
swept inland from the Gulf of Mex-
ico. Up to noon today little head-
way had been made in restoring
connections. A singular freak was
that when at last the wind was
blowing directly from the north,
property damage was small.

None Dead at Morgan City.

Morgan City, La., Sept. 30.—The
West Indian hurricane which raged
here twenty-six hours has abated. The
wind's velocity reached seventy-five
miles an hour. No loss of life has
been reported in this vicinity. The property
damage is estimated at \$35,000. Several
small boats are reported sunk.

GUTHRIE WILSON PROXY

Envoy to Represent President at Cor-
onation of Mikado.

Washington, Sept. 30.—President
Wilson today named American Am-
bassador Guthrie at Tokio as his per-
sonal representative at the coronation
ceremonies at Tokyo, which are to be held
within a few weeks.

FRANCE WILL HOLD UP
CABLES IN WAR CRISIS

New York, Sept. 30.—An an-
nouncement that may be fraught
with significance because of the
military activity in France was
made by the cable companies here
today. It stated that the French
administration has given notice
that on account of military neces-
sity, cablegrams will be refused
and through that country will be sub-
jected to indefinite delay.

STORM IS BLOWING OUT; EAST DUE FOR SOAKING.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The West
Indian hurricane was centered over
the interior of Mississippi this
morning, but it had greatly dimin-
ished in force. The storm, how-
ever, is not over, and it maintains
considerable intensity and is caus-
ing general rains throughout the
South Atlantic and East Gulf
states and Tennessee.

During the night it caused winds
of hurricane force on the middle
gulf coast and the weather bureau
ordered a continuance of storm
warnings along the gulf coast from
Mobile to Cedar Keys, Fla., and on
the Atlantic coast from Jackson-
ville to Wilmington, N. C.

Indications are that the storm is
moving in a north-northeasterly
direction, and that it will cause
rains during the next thirty-six
hours everywhere east of the Mis-
sissippi river, except in the upper
lake region.

No official reports had reached
the weather bureau from New Or-
leans since 2 o'clock yesterday af-
ternoon, but other advice indicates
that the storm had almost abated
there.

U. S. SHIP HIT MINE

Vincent Blown Up in White
Sea; Four Injured.

Former British Vessel Was
Under American Registry.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The Ameri-
can sailing ship Vincent was blown up
Sept. 27 by a mine off Cape Orloff in
the White sea and is a total loss. The
crew was saved, including Captain Mil-
man and three men were injured.
They are being treated in a hospital at
Archangel. Consular dispatches to the
state department today reported the
disaster.

The Vincent formerly was a British
ship, which recently took American
registry. She sailed from New York
June 9, and arrived at Archangel July
30, sailing from there Sept. 4 for Lon-
don.

The loss of the Vincent was first
made known here in a dispatch from
London yesterday, which said the ves-
sel had been burned. No details were
given concerning the place or nature
of the event, owing, perhaps, to the
British censorship over news items of
this character. The Vincent may have
been burned as a result of the mine
explosion.

Four of Crew Injured.

London, Sept. 30.—The captain,
first and second mates and carpenter
of the American sailing ship Vincent
were injured in the fire which de-
stroyed the vessel.

PREACHER IS FREE

Rev. Wayne K. Stalnaker Pa-
roled by Governor Capper.

Man Who Wronged Niece Testi-
fied Against Botkin.

Rev. Wayne K. Stalnaker was pa-
roled today by Governor Capper, con-
ditioned that he go to West Virginia
and stay there. Stalnaker, a Metho-
dist minister, was charged with the
murder of his niece in Ellis county.

It was Varden Botkin's kindly
treatment of Stalnaker that provided
one of the reasons for his discharge
by the prison investigating commis-
sion. Stalnaker was called as one of
the witnesses against Botkin in the
recent hearing. His application for a
parole has been pending for several
weeks and a pardon was issued today
by Governor Capper. In the pardon
it is stated that Rev. Stalnaker shall
enjoy his freedom so long as he goes
to West Virginia and forgets to return
to Ellis county, Kansas.

The Stalnaker case furnished one
of the most serious charges against
Botkin. It was shown that a tempo-
rary parole had been issued to the
Methodist preacher by Governor
Hodges, and that Stalnaker was
on the verge of his dying mother. When
he started back to the prison, how-
ever, he stopped in Kansas City talked
with a lawyer and induced Botkin to
visit Kansas City, where he was served
with a summons in habeas corpus pro-
ceedings. That was in 1914. Evid-
ence at the Botkin hearing showed
Stalnaker had enjoyed special privi-
leges during the Botkin administration.

Stalnaker was serving an indetermi-
nate sentence for a crime against his
niece in Ellis county. His parole
effort was made during the Hodges
administration to secure a parole or
pardon for the minister, but Hodges
declined to extend clemency.

PEACE APOSTLE SUED

Rev. John Wesley Hill Is Accused of
Breach of Promise.

New York, Sept. 30.—The Rev.
John Wesley Hill, widely known as a
lecturer on politics and peace, today
was named as defendant in a suit
for \$100,000 for alleged breach of
promise of marriage brought by Lu-
cille Covington, of this city, also a lec-
turer upon economic and other topics.
Dr. Hill declined to discuss the
suit.

Dr. Hill formerly was pastor of the
Methodist temple here and also
held pastorates in many cities in the
west. He was chaplain of the Republi-
can national convention in Chicago
in 1908 and 1912.

Southeastern Doctors Meet.

Pittsburg, Kan., Sept. 29.—Doctors
from all parts of the southeastern Kan-
sas are here today for the fall meet-
ing of the Southeastern Kansas Medi-
cal society. Clinics at a hospital and
banquet tonight are features on the
program.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Unsettled weather tonight and Fri-
day; probable showers in the south-
western part of the state; not much
change in temperature.

BORDER VOLCANO

Carranza Troops Increased on
the Mexican Side.

U. S. Patrols Alert Against
Possible Invasion.

BIG GUNS ARE BROUGHT UP

American Officers Prepare to
Sweep Trouble Zone.

Troops Ready for Outbreak
From Any Direction.

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 30.—A con-
siderable increase in Carranza troops
opposite this border was reported to-
day from several reliable sources on
the Mexican side of the river. About
1,500 of these troops have taken sta-
tions along the river opposite Brown-
sville, and the Carranza consul here
opposite the territory where American
patrols are watching for possible in-
vasions of Texas by Mexican bands.
At the Carranza consulate today it
was said that some of the Carranza
troop trains arrived yesterday in Ma-
tamoras.

Troops on Mexican Side.

Military authorities did not consid-
er these reports a bad sign. It was
believed Carranza authorities are con-
sidering a change in their recent
policy of leaving the Mexican side of
the river bank unguarded. Since this
policy was put into effect, larger
bodies of armed Mexicans than have
heretofore appeared have occupied the
river bank territory.

There was a serious question here
whether Gen. E. P. Nafarrate, at
Matamoros, can control the outlaws
along the river if, as reported, they
are a part of the same bands which
the American authorities have been
able to stop for two months past being
able to stop their depredations en-
tirely.

Placing Mountain Guns.

Col. Robert L. Bullard, in command
of the country at Harlingen today,
went to inspect infantry posts along
the river front in the Progreso district.
The arrival of a battery of mountain
guns was expected at Harlingen today.
It is planned to send these guns im-
mediately into the Progreso district
and there to secure the range from
the recent, selected gun positions, so
that on the first invasion by bands
in that section, the mountain guns
can sweep the trouble zone without
waiting to change positions. Most of
the territory where the Mexicans have
been organizing can be reached by
the guns from the military road on the
African side of the river.

While these positions have been
perfected for meeting an invasion
about Progreso, Col. A. P. Blockson,
in charge of the cavalry at Fort
Brown, made ready to meet any
attempt by bandits at surprise attacks
at some other point where they may
believe American troops are not large
in force.

The situation from the point of view
of army officers seemed more uncer-
tain today than ever. Troops were
ready to be ready for an outbreak
of trouble from any direction.

Nafarrate in Lament.

Galveston, Sept. 30.—Gen. E. P. Na-
farrate, in command of Carranza
forces at Matamoros, in telegram to
the constitutional consulate here
today, declares that despite his assur-
ances of a desire to co-operate with
the American forces in preventing
bandits from crossing the Rio Grande,
no such co-operation has been possi-
ble. He adds:

"American troops, instead of acting
in accord with my troops, have fired
on them, killing and wounding many
of the men in my command. I have
received orders to concentrate my
forces in various towns and to take
part in matters beyond the Rio
Grande. None of my acts warrants
the statement that I am in sympathy
with the Texas agitators."

FARMERS BACK WILSON

National Congress Indorses President
After Heated Discussion.

Omaha, Sept. 30.—The question of
indorsing President Wilson's foreign
policy caused heated discussion at to-
day's session of the convention of the
Farmers' National congress, meeting
here this week. Discussions followed
the introduction by Frank G. O'Neil,
of Omaha, of a resolution commend-
ing the foreign policy of President
Wilson. "Who has stood at the head
of the American nation during one of
the most critical and trying periods
of its history."

A test vote, taken on the question
of tabling an amendment offered by
Schmidt, resulted in a vote of 215
to 48 in favor of the resolution sup-
porting Wilson.

After considerable spirited debate
in which charges of "treasonable ut-
terances" were made, the resolution
was adopted with practical unanimity.

STOCKS TAKE TUMBLE

Vulnerable Condition of Market Shown
Upon Receipt of Rumor.

New York, Sept. 30.—Trading in
stocks during today's early session
suggested another active day, but the
recent hysterical operations in the
market were lacking. Those shares
were less conspicuous and it was evi-
dent that speculation in that quarter
was under some restraint.

The market's vulnerable condition
was demonstrated shortly before mid-
day when rumors of the sinking of an
American ship in European waters
caused a violent break. Rumors which
largely wiped out losses ensued, when
it was realized that the incident bore
only indirectly upon international con-
ditions.

Pittsburg to Play Rolla.

Pittsburg, Kan., Sept. 30.—The
football team of the state Manual
Training normal left here this after-
noon for Rolla, Mo., where tomorrow
Coach Courtwright's men will meet the
Missouri Miners. Coach Courtwright
was confident his men would make a
strong showing against the Missour-
ians.

GEE WHIZ, GRLS!

Eight Hours a Day for State
House Stenographers.

Civil Service Commission Starts
Riot Among Dimples.

BLOW AT POLITICAL DIGNITY

Capitol Steno at Breakfast Be-
fore Eight—No Siree!

They May Have to "Punch in,"
Too, These Butterflies!

Goodness gracious! Eight working
hours a day for state stenographers!
A horrid man to check the working
hours of the bright eyed, dimpled
stenos! Great wads of chewing gum
and battered rouge boxes! My, my!
Is a state position to be thorn of its
dignity?

There is consternation, distress,
even hot, burning tears among state
stenographers today. They are threat-
ened with a demand for eight
hours actual work each day. That
isn't all. The civil service commission
wants to know whether the labor
performed by state employees. It is a
perfect insult. If you don't believe it,
ask any bright faced, smiling, in-
dependence loving state house stenog-
rapher if you are in doubt as to the
clerk and the bookkeepers. They
will tell you. This civil service com-
mission with the efficiency and econ-
omy board is insolent and disgraceful-
ly insulting. Yes, indeed.

Blow at Late Breakfasts.

Just now the civil service commis-
sion is encouraging the efficiency and
economy commission to bolster up a
demand for eight full hours of labor
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WHEAT IN JUMP

September Up to 1.15 1/4, a Gain
of 11 1/2.

Little Excitement Attends Sen-
sational Advance.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Sensational
advances took place just before the
close of trading today in the September
delivery of wheat. A jump of 11 1/2
cents, or 1.15 1/4, was made, and the
market closed at 1.15 1/4. The advance
was due to a rumor that the govern-
ment was buying wheat for the navy
at a price of 1.15 1/4.

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here was 6.00 inches, and the total
for the year to date is 41.87 inches.
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RAIN DOOMED TO DIE A CLOUDY
DEATH—RAIN PROBABLE TONIGHT.

September closes today with a con-
tinuance of the cloudy, gloomy weath-
er. The month has been the cloudi-
est, most dismal month on record at
Topeka. October promises to open
with the same brand, the forecast call-
ing for unsettled weather and not
much change in temperature. Show-
ers are probable, and several other states
are predicted for tonight and Friday.

The temperature in the past three
days have varied only five degrees
here. The highest temperature today
Wednesday was 60 degrees, and that
reading stood for four hours, begin-
ning at eleven o'clock. The midnight
reading was 57 degrees, making the
various readings today three de-
grees. The highest temperature
Wednesday was 14 degrees below nor-
mal. A killing frost was experienced
on this date three years ago, but the
forecast indicates that October will
open with moderate temperatures.

Rains fell in most parts of Kansas
last night, the heaviest being .70 of an
inch at Macksville. Liberal received
.42 of an inch. Other stations re-
ported only light showers. The sky
was cloudy over the entire state this
morning, and rains were falling at
each of the various stations. Rain fell
at seven o'clock. The Kaw river has
dropped .4 of a foot since Wednesday
morning, making the stage 11.5 feet.

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WILSON IS INTERCESSOR

Governor Spry Grants Stay of Execu-
tion of Joe Hillstrom.

Salt Lake City, Sept. 30.—Anticipat-
ing receipts of President Wilson's re-
sponse to Governor Spry's appeal, the
Hillstrom, convicted of murder and
sentenced to be shot to death, Gov-
ernor Spry today stated he would
grant the reprieve.

The length of the stay will be de-
cided at a meeting of the board of
pardons this afternoon. It probably
will be until October 16. President
Wilson's reported telegram had not
been received shortly before noon.

"I most certainly shall honor the
president's request if it is received,"
Spry stated.

Wilson Asks Stay.

Washington, Sept. 30.—At the re-
quest of the Swedish minister, W. A.
Ekengren, president Wilson today
telegraphed to Governor Spry of Utah,
asking a stay of execution for Joseph
Hillstrom, a Swedish subject, sen-
tenced to be shot in the Utah state
prison tomorrow. Hillstrom was con-
victed of murder.

REOPEN CANAL OCT. 5

Ditch Closed by Earth Slides, Soon to
Be in Operation.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The Panama
canal, closed because of earth slides,
will be reopened October 5.

Acting Governor Harding, of the
zone estimates dredging operations on
the Gold Hill slide will require until
then.

LAST WEATHER TABLE

End of Crop Season and Reports Lose
Their Value

With the end of the crop season at
hand the weather bureau has ceased
the issue of the regular weekly crop
and weather summaries. The daily
weather record, with reports from
over the country on temperatures and
rainfall will not appear after today
until the first of next April.

Both have been handled regularly
by the State Journal.

BIG LOAN RUSHED

Financiers Put Finishing
Touches on Great Credit.

Full Details to Be Announced
by Morgan at Once.

BRITISHER IN HOT PROTEST

Manchester Guardian Sees Po-
litical and Financial Blunder.

Declares Transaction Cries to
Skies for Justification.

New York, Sept. 30.—Complete de-
tails of the method of marketing the
\$500,000,000 joint Anglo-French five
year bonds probably will be an-
nounced late today by J. P. Morgan
& Co.

Representatives of New York banks,
trust companies and other financial
houses looking to the adoption of a
definite program which would place
the issue before the country within
the next fortnight. Several confer-
ences among American bankers and
members of the Anglo-French com-
mission returning from Chicago were
held on the day's calendar.

Here are some of the questions
which the committee in charge of ar-
rangements sought to solve at their
conference today:

How much must an individual sub-
scribe in order to become eligible for
admission to the syndicate which will
sell the bonds at 98?

What terms shall be offered to the
majority who wish to buy the so-called
baby bonds—those in denominations
less than \$1,000—by installments?

When shall the bonds be placed on
the market?

Other minor details concerning the
life of the syndicate and the listing of
the bonds.

Indications were that the life of the
underwriting syndicate would not ex-
tend beyond sixty or ninety days and
that the bonds would be listed—possi-
bly free of charge—on the New
York stock exchange very shortly. It
also was thought the bonds might be
offered for sale within ten days.

British Paper in Protest.

London, Sept. 30.—Asserting that
American bankers naturally prefer a
loan with some \$10,000,000 profit to
the imporation of gold which brings
no profit, the Manchester Guardian
declares editorially there is no reason,
however, why the government should
indulge in what "has every appearance
of being a blunder as costly politically
as financially."

Insisting that the loan would be in-
valid unless approved by parliament,
the Guardian adds:

"Should a financial transaction be
imposed upon the British people
which cried out so loud for justifica-
tion. It may be that Mr. Morgan and
his associates have done the allies a
good service and earned a reward by
if so it would be cheaper to present
them with their profit and forego a
loan so damaging to our credit."

MERIDEN IS ASUNDER

Town Divided Over Famous Adam
Becker Incident.

Meriden, Conn., Sept. 30.—The fac-
tions that opposed each other for the
past years while the famous cat story
reigning this town asunder are now lining
up again. This time Adam Becker has
been substituted for the now deceased
feline.

Discussion began in Meriden immedi-
ately after word of Becker's trouble
in Topeka last Sunday, reached the
town. Becker was befriended by sev-
eral gentlemen who prior to the his-
trip to Topeka were strangers to him.
He said he matched dollars with his
new friends and to have dropped con-
siderable change. Later when he mis-
treated the valuable notes valued at \$27,
000, he notified the police that con-
fidence men lifted the valuable docu-
ments from him.

Meriden is aghast. Is it possible
that Adam Becker, a prominent mem-
ber of the United Brethren church of
Meriden, and a high official in the
Meriden bank, gambled on the Sab-
bath?

Half the town says No. The re-
mainder vote aye. And the fight is on.